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1. The reply filed on 3/4/03, paper number 13B, is not fully responsive to the prior Office action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s): applicants have elected group I, claims 1-22, 26-31 without traverse. Claims 26-28 were improperly included in group II, examiner apologizes for the error, and claims 26-28 will be examined along with the elected group I. However, applicants have failed to respond to the election of species requirement set forth in the previous office action. Further since claims 26-28 will be examined along with the elected group, applicants are requested to elect a single specific biological source.

Thus, the response is not proper. See 37 CAR 1.111. Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given **ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. **EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CAR**

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to P. Ponnaluri whose telephone number is (703) 305-3884. The examiner is on ***Increased Flex Schedule*** and can normally be reached on Monday to Friday from 7.00 AM to 3.30 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Andrew Wang, can be reached on (703) 306-3217. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (703) 308-4242.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 308-0196.

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